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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF THE

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

September 17, 2026

This meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held in the Alice Campbell Alumni Center Ballroom, 601 South Lincoln Avenue, Urbana, Illinois, on Thursday, September 17, 2026, beginning at 8:17 a.m.[1]

Chair Jesse H. Ruiz called the meeting to order and asked the secretary to call the roll. The following members of the Board were present: Ms. J. Carolyn Blackwell, Mr. Ramón Cepeda, Ms. Tami Craig Schilling, Mr. Joseph Gutman,[2] Dr. Suzet M. McKinney,[3] Mr. Wilbur C. Milhouse III, Ms. Sarah C. Phalen,[2] Mr. Jesse H. Ruiz, Dr. Bryan S. Traubert. Governor J. B. Pritzker was absent. Ms. Wazeera Shekoni, voting student trustee, Chicago, was present. The following nonvoting student trustees

[1] At 8:15 a.m., Chair Ruiz convened the meeting of the Board of Trustees as the sole member of Illinois Quantum and Microelectronics Park, LLC. All members of the Board were present except Governor Pritzker. There were two agenda items, which were approved. On motion of Mr. Milhouse, seconded by Ms. Blackwell, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 a.m.

[2] Mr. Gutman and Ms. Phalen attended via remote videoconference.

[3] Dr. McKinney left the meeting at 10:03 a.m. and joined virtually from 10:07 a.m. until 12:31 p.m.

were in attendance: Ms. Gabrielle Stewart, student trustee, Urbana; Ms. Minnah Saleh, student trustee, Springfield. President Timothy L. Killeen was present.

Also present were the officers of the Board: Mr. Howard S. Engle, treasurer; Dr. Paul N. Ellinger, comptroller (and vice president/chief financial officer); Mr. Scott E. Rice, University counsel; and Dr. Jeffrey A. Stein, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Ruiz stated: "A motion is now in order to convene an executive session to consider the following topics as permitted under Section 2(c) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act: pending, probable, or imminent litigation against, affecting, or on behalf of the University (subsection 11); and University employment or appointment-related matters (subsection 1)." On motion of Dr. McKinney, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, the motion was approved. There were no "nay" votes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

With no further comments or questions, the executive session ended at 11:15 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING RESUMED

The meeting resumed at 11:27 a.m., with all Board members recorded as being present at the start of the meeting in attendance, except Dr. McKinney, who left at 10:03 a.m. and joined via remote video conference at 10:07 a.m. Mr. Ruiz asked Dr. Stein to make an announcement regarding today's meeting. Dr. Stein referred to the Board's long-established procedures to provide for an orderly hearing of comments from the public during its meetings and the statement that appears in the public notice for this meeting, which he indicated was posted outside the meeting venue, and appears throughout the Board of Trustee's website.

Mr. Ruiz stated that the academic year was underway and said that being in the alumni center was a unique tribute to the rich history of the University System and a reminder of its long-term impacts.

PERFORMANCE OF THE STATE SONG

Mr. Ruiz stated that the performance of the State song, *Illinois*, would be performed by Ms. Sarah Elise Navy, who is a native of Houston, Texas, and is currently pursuing a Doctor of Musical Arts in Vocal Performance and Literature under the guidance of Dr. Ollie Watts Davis. He listed some of Ms. Navy's recent performances and said Ms. Navy is passionate about arts accessibility and creating inclusive spaces in classical music for Black and Brown youth.

INTRODUCTION OF UNIVERSITY OFFICERS AND SENATE OBSERVERS

President Killeen welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Mr. Howard S. Engle, treasurer; Dr. Charles L. Isbell Jr., chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System; Dr. Marie Lynn Miranda, chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois System; and Dr. Janet L. Gooch, chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois System. President Killeen then introduced other University officers and staff: Mr. Scott E. Rice, University counsel; Dr. Paul N. Ellinger, comptroller (and vice president/chief financial officer); Dr. Nicholas P. Jones, executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs; Dr. Joseph T. Walsh Jr., vice president for economic development and innovation; Ms. Adrienne Nazon, vice president of external relations and communications; and Dr. Jeffrey A. Stein, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University.

President Killeen introduced the senate observers and representative of the academic professional staff: Dr. Linda Moorhouse, Susanne and William Allen Distinguished Professor in Music, Urbana, representing the University Senates Conference; Dr. Shawn Gilmore, teaching assistant professor, Department of English, Urbana, and vice chair of the Urbana-Champaign Senate Executive Committee, representing the Urbana-Champaign Senate; Dr. Lynn Fisher, chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, professor of anthropology, Springfield, representing the Springfield Senate; and Ms. Chaya Sandler, senior academic advisor and experiential

learning coordinator, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, Urbana, representing the academic professional staff. President Killeen said Dr. Krista Jones, clinical associate professor and director of the regional nursing program, Chicago, represented the Chicago Senate and joined via livestream.

OPENING REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Ruiz invited President Killeen to give opening remarks. President Killeen reflected on the University of Illinois System's strategic framework, noting that it was approved by the Board of Trustees over 10 years ago. He emphasized that the framework was developed collaboratively and focuses on access and affordability while building a healthy future for Illinois and the Midwest; continuing the long tradition of research excellence; and highlighting the centrality of the arts and humanities.

President Killeen reported on the University's demonstrable success and highlighted that the University System's enrollment had grown to more than 102,000 students, representing an increase of nearly 26 percent over the previous decade. He noted significant growth in the University System's operating budget, research expenditures, healthcare operations, and statewide economic impact. President Killeen said research expenditures had increased to approximately $1.53 billion, while the University's annual economic impact had grown to nearly $25.0 billion. He said an annual report was forthcoming that will demonstrate the progress made in one year.

President Killeen described the ways in which the University turns discovery into impact, beginning with the ecological research conducted through the Forbes Biological Station, which is part of the Illinois Natural History Survey at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. He described the research conducted there and said it also provides an opportunity to train the next generation of scientists. President Killeen then highlighted the commercialization of virus-detection technologies developed by the University of Illinois Chicago through its membership in the National Science Foundation's Great Lakes Regional I-Corps Hub; the work of the Illinois Fermentation and Agriculture Biomanufacturing Tech Hub (iFAB Tech Hub) to scale up biomanufacturing; and work by students at the University of Illinois Springfield to lead the first statewide nest survey of ospreys, confirming that research conducted at the university has helped increase the osprey population. He shared information about the Illinois Quantum and Microelectronics Park, which he said is led by University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in conjunction with partner universities, national labs, the State government, and private industry, and he described the contributions of the Discovery Partners Institute (DPI) on education and workforce development. President Killeen said the University of Illinois Chicago is a long-standing member of the Chicago Biomedical Consortium, a network of academic and research institutions across the Midwest working in collaboration to turn pioneering science into companies and to commercialize discoveries. President Killeen reported on the Illinois Innovation Network (IIN) and said it is an example of the University System at work across the State. He said IIN provides

space and expertise for small businesses and entrepreneurs and brings researchers together to solve regional challenges. President Killeen gave examples of this type of work in Springfield.

President Killeen then focused on efforts to build a healthier Illinois and reported on healthcare services provided by UI Health, which he said sees more than 1.5 million patients a year, and Miles Square Health Center locations, which he said total 162,00 visits. He told the Board that the dental clinics had 154,000 visits. President Killeen also discussed efforts to improve health through research related to nutrition.

Next, President Killeen discussed efforts to improve lives through the arts and humanities and highlighted the nationally recognized Crossing Latinidades Humanities Research Initiative at the University of Illinois Chicago. He remarked on the music program at the University of Illinois Springfield and highlighted Mr. Daniel Kraus, an alumnus of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign who won a Pulitzer Prize for Fiction this year. He said the third round of the Presidential Initiative to Celebrate the Impact of the Arts and the Humanities was recently announced, committing up to $1.2 million over three years to advance innovative work.

President Killeen gave examples of the University's scale and reach, stating that the University worked with the Lake County Regional Office of Education No. 34 to take the Illinois Virtual School and Academy (IVSA) statewide. He commented on the impact of IVSA across the state. President Killeen highlighted team of researchers from the Center for the Recovery and Identification of the Missing at the University of Illinois

Chicago who last year located and help bring home the remains of five U.S. airmen who died in Laos during the Vietnam War, and he said that the Brasillinois initiative brought the first 50 doctoral students from Brazil to Illinois in the week prior.

President Killeen concluded his remarks by highlighting the Leadership State Tour and emphasizing the positive momentum across the University of Illinois System, citing record enrollment, expanding research activity, major capital projects, and continued commitment to serving the people of Illinois through education, innovation, healthcare, and economic development.

WELCOME FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Mr. Ruiz asked Dr. Isbell to give welcome remarks from Urbana. Dr. Isbell began his presentation (materials on file with the secretary) by welcoming trustees and guests to the Urbana-Champaign campus. He introduced the university's newly developed strategic plan, entitled Illinois LEADS. He shared an anecdote about a student at the university pursuing a PhD in chemistry who spent a year on a problem and often wondered if he was on the right path. He said he eventually made a new compound. Dr. Isbell told the Board he would finish the story at the end of his presentation.

Dr. Isbell began his presentation by noting that the university had reached record enrollment of 61,060 students, including a record first-year class of 9,332 students. He emphasized the importance of cultivating an environment where everyone who wants to lead has an opportunity to make an impact in this moment. Dr. Isbell referred to a

crisis of public confidence in higher education and said the university is charged with serving the public good and is positioned to respond to these challenges and obligations as a public-serving university. He expressed a desire to be good ancestors and said the university's new strategic plan is focused on leading in shaping a better future for its descendants.

Dr. Isbell stated that the strategic plan builds on the university's strengths in education, research, external engagement, and economic development while establishing priorities that will enable greater impact for students, communities, and the state. He said Illinois LEADS was developed through an extensive listening process involving stakeholders across the university community, and he explained this plan is human-centered, purpose-driven, values-based, and ambitious.

Dr. Isbell outlined five strategic goals: preparing future leaders through accessible educational pathways, student success initiatives, lifelong learning opportunities, and academic excellence; shaping the future with research by strengthening research infrastructure, supporting scholars, and investing in priority research areas; serving the public through deeper community partnerships, coordinated engagement, and expanded civic impact; developing economies through workforce development, industry partnerships, entrepreneurship, and technology commercialization; and working together by creating a new budget model, reducing administrative barriers, improving resource stewardship, increasing financial literacy, and fostering collaboration.

Dr. Isbell discussed implementation and referred to the three-layer framework that he described at the July 2026 Board meeting. He said the framework would be based on goals and strategies; people, coordination, and belonging; and measurement, storytelling, and thought leadership. Dr. Isbell described the way in which each layer would relate to the plan and said steering committees that are being assigned to each goal will be charged with defining the ways in which the university should successfully implement the identified priorities. He emphasized that the goals of Illinois LEADS are interconnected. Dr. Isbell told the Board that the steering committees will identify short, middle, and long-term goals that will result in a shared institutional strategy.

Dr. Isbell then resumed telling the anecdote that he began at the start of his remarks. He said the student he referenced was Dr. Omar Yaghi, who was awarded the 2025 Nobel Prize in chemistry. He said this is an example of the impact of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and the impact that Illinois LEADS will cultivate. Dr. Isbell thanked Dr. John Coleman, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, Urbana, and Dr. Eva Pomerantz, director of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Institute, for co-chairing the steering committee, and he thanked all the members of the committee for their wisdom, time, and perspective. He also expressed appreciation for the many who shared their views. Dr. Isbell then showed a video promoting Illinois LEADS, which was followed by a round of applause.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Ruiz introduced the reports from Board committee chairs, noting that all committees met the previous day.

Report from Chair, Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee

Mr. Ruiz asked Ms. Blackwell, who serves as vice chair of the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee, to provide a report from that committee. She said he attended the Governance, Personnel, and Ethics Committee meeting the previous day with Ms. Craig Schilling, Dr. McKinney, Mr. Milhouse, and Ms. Stewart. Ms. Blackwell said Mr. Gutman attended the meeting virtually and that Mr. Ruiz, Dr. Traubert, Ms. Shekoni, and Ms. Saleh attended as guests. The committee held an executive session to discuss pending, probable, or imminent litigation against, affecting, or on behalf of the University. Ms. Blackwell said the committee then approved the minutes of the last meeting that was held on July 15, 2026. She said the committee then reviewed the items within the purview of the committee on the Board's agenda, and she listed the items. Ms. Blackwell said the committee also reviewed items 1-2 from the agenda of the meeting of the Board of Trustees as the Sole Member of Illinois Quantum and Microelectronics Park, LLC. She stated that the committee heard an update from Dr. Harley Johnson, executive director and chief executive officer, Illinois Quantum and Microelectronics Park, LLC, (IQMP) on the current progress of IQMP. Ms. Blackwell reported that Ms.

Jennifer M. Creasey, assistant vice president, external and state relations, and Mr. Paul Weinberger, assistant vice president, federal relations, gave a legislative update. Ms. Blackwell stated there was no old or new business discussed at the meeting.

Report from Chair,
University Healthcare System Committee

Mr. Ruiz, as chair of the University Healthcare System Committee, gave a report from that committee. He said the committee met the previous day and that he attended along with Mr. Cepeda, Dr. McKinney, Dr. Traubert, and Ms. Saleh. He reported that Ms. Blackwell, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Gutman, Mr. Milhouse, Ms. Stewart, and Ms. Shekoni attended as guests. Mr. Ruiz said the committee held an executive session to discuss pending, probable, or imminent litigation against, affecting, or on behalf of the University. He reported that the committee approved the minutes of the meeting, held on July 15, 2026. Mr. Ruiz stated that Dr. Robert A. Barish, vice chancellor for health affairs, Chicago, gave opening remarks to the committee and highlighted the hospital's Leapfrog rating, CMS rating, and *U.S. News & World Report* rankings. He announced that the College of Dentistry will transition to UI Health Epic utilizing Epic Wisdom, providing a more streamlined experience. Mr. Ruiz said Mr. Scott Jones, interim chief executive officer and chief operating officer, University of Illinois Hospital and Clinics, gave the CEO Report; and Dr. Jonathan M. Radosta, chief medical officer, University of Illinois Hospital and Clinics, presented the quality data report for UI Health. Mr. Ruiz said committee also heard the annual chief financial officer report from Mr. Laurence

Appel, chief financial officer, University of Illinois Hospital and Clinics. He said the committee discussed the future impact of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1) on hospital finances, as it is anticipated that a portion of UI Health patients may lose Medicaid coverage. Mr. Ruiz said there was no new or old business discussed.

Report from Chair, Audit, Budget, Finance, and Facilities Committee

Mr. Ruiz asked Mr. Cepeda, chair of the Audit, Budget, Finance, and Facilities Committee, to give a report from that committee. Mr. Cepeda said the committee met the previous day and that he attended the meeting with Mr. Engle, Mr. Milhouse, and Mr. Ruiz. He reported that Ms. Phalen joined the meeting virtually and that Ms. Blackwell, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Gutman, Dr. Traubert, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Shekoni, and Ms. Saleh joined as guests. Mr. Cepeda said that the committee approved the minutes of the last meeting, held July 15, 2026. Mr. Cepeda said the committee then reviewed the recommended agenda items within the purview of the committee, and he listed those items. He reported that the committee heard design presentations for the Advanced Microscopy and Diagnostics Facility for the Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology at Urbana by representatives from HDR Architecture, Inc. and Terra Engineering, Ltd., and for the Demirjian Indoor Golf Facility expansion and renovation by representatives from Reifsteck Reid & Company.

Mr. Cepeda said Ms. Geri Melchiorre, senior director of investments, treasury operations, University of Illinois System, presented the annual investment

program update, and Ms. Julie A. Zemaitis, executive director, University Audits, University of Illinois System, presented the fourth quarter and annual report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2026. Mr. Cepeda said that there was no old or new business discussed.

Report from Chair, Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Mr. Ruiz asked Ms. Craig Schilling, chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, to give a report from that committee. Ms. Craig Schilling stated that the committee met the previous day and that she attended the meeting with Ms. Blackwell, Mr. Gutman, Dr. Traubert, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Shekoni, and Ms. Saleh. She said Mr. Milhouse and Mr. Ruiz joined as guests. Ms. Craig Schilling reported the committee approved the minutes of the meeting of July 15, 2026. She said the committee heard a presentation from Dr. Praveen Kumar, executive director, Prairie Research Institute (PRI), on the scientific and societal impact of PRI throughout the state. She said no old or new business was discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ruiz announced a public comment session and said each speaker would have three minutes to address the Board. He indicated there were two public commenters for the meeting. Mr. Ruiz said that the public commenters speaking at today's meeting made

requests that are consistent with the *Procedures Governing Appearances Before the Board of Trustees*, which are available on the Board's website.

Mr. Ruiz invited the first commenter, Mr. Mark Thompson. Mr. Thompson expressed concerns regarding the University's subversive socialist curriculum and anti-American damage being done throughout the country. He referred to the COVID-19 vaccine, the undermining of the constitutional republic, and terrorist recruiting machines.

Mr. Ruiz then called on the second commenter, Mr. Erez Cohn. Mr. Cohn stated that he serves as executive director of Hillel at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and he discussed concerns regarding anti-Semitism affecting Jewish students, staff, and faculty. He described several incidents reported by students and urged the university to strengthen its approach toward addressing antisemitism on campus.

Mr. Ruiz thanked the commenters for their remarks.

At 12:24 p.m., the Board took a short break.

The meeting resumed at 12:34 p.m., with all Board members previously recorded as being present in attendance, except for Dr. McKinney, who left the meeting at 12:31 p.m.

FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET SUMMARY FOR OPERATIONS

Mr. Ruiz asked Dr. Ellinger to present the Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget Summary. Dr. Ellinger began the presentation (materials on file with the secretary) by stating that the Fiscal Year 2027 operating budget totaled approximately $7.6 billion excluding state

fringe benefits and approximately $9.6 billion including those benefits. He told trustees that the University of Illinois System is a large and complex enterprise whose financial management requires careful attention to recurring and nonrecurring revenues, restricted and unrestricted funds, and long-term sustainability.

Dr. Ellinger referenced a budget development framework and listed three priorities, which included support for academic excellence, preservation of affordability, and resources for student and staff success. Dr. Ellinger discussed the budget planning process and said the budget is developed through a process of consolidating budgets developed by individual colleges and units and follows legislative audit guidelines.

Dr. Ellinger compared the budgets from 2027 and 2026 and said that the 2027 budget reflects a 7.4 percent increase including the cost of fringe benefits incurred by the State on behalf of the System. He said the increase is 4.3 percent when the cost of fringe benefits incurred by the State on behalf of the System are excluded. Dr. Ellinger then showed the four types of funds that comprise the budget and presented a chart of diversified sources of revenue. He discussed unrestricted and restricted funds and provided information about each, and he showed the budget by unit, tuition revenue by university, and budget expense by category.

Dr. Ellinger concluded his presentation by noting the University's strong financial position, evidenced by high bond ratings and positive credit outlooks, while emphasizing the need for continued discipline to preserve the institution's capacity to

invest in research, student success, infrastructure, cybersecurity, and future opportunities. Mr. Ruiz thanked Dr. Ellinger for the presentation.

FACULTY PRESENTATION: UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE REPORT

At 10:34 a.m., Mr. Ruiz invited Dr. Fisher to give a presentation from the University Senates Conference (materials on file with the secretary). Dr. Fisher described her background and area of study. She described the role of the University Senates Conference (USC) and the relationship between the USC and the university senates, and she listed USC membership for the 2026-2027 academic year. Dr. Fisher described the USC committee structure and shared ongoing activities for the 2026-2027 academic year. She concluded her remarks by reiterating the mission of the USC and expressed appreciation for engagement with the Board and University leaders.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL UPDATE

At 12:56 p.m., Mr. Ruiz asked Mr. David Bambrey, president of the University of Illinois Alumni Association (UIAA), to give an annual update. Mr. Bambrey gave a presentation (materials on file with the secretary) and reported on increased alumni engagement. He shared data regarding engagement activities divided into categories, including experiential, volunteer, communication, and philanthropy. Mr. Bambrey described each and provided benchmark results for engagement compared to peers, stating that the UIAA outperforms peer institutions and has an engagement rate twice as high as the

national average. He highlighted various programs, including IlliniLink, speaker series, and the digital edition of *Illinois Alumni*. Mr. Bambrey also called attention to homecoming events, scheduled from September 27, 2026, through October 3, 2026, and he listed alumni awards in a variety of categories. He described the successful snow globe program, which he said is in its fourth year, and said this year's snow globe features the Morrow Plots. Mr. Ruiz thanked Mr. Bambrey for the presentation and asked how the UIAA interacts with the University of Illinois Foundation on philanthropy. Mr. Bambrey referred to close work with the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement and the University of Illinois Foundation (UIF) and said a member of the UIF engagement committee sits as an *ex officio* on the UIAA board. He added that the UIAA board chair also sits on one of the UIF committees.

AGENDA

Mr. Ruiz announced that the agenda for this meeting would now be considered. All Board members recorded as present at the start of the meeting were in attendance. Mr. Ruiz commented that the items were discussed extensively at meetings of the Board committees, which are open to the public. He explained the items for which a voice vote of the Board is requested would be first and that the secretary would read the titles of these items. He invited the Board to discuss any open issues.

By consensus, the Board agreed that one vote would be taken and considered the vote on agenda item no. A1 through 3. The recommendations were individually discussed but acted upon at one time.

(The record of the Board action appears at the end of each item.)

Approve Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting

(A1) The secretary presents for approval the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of July 16, 2026.

On motion of Ms. Craig Schilling, seconded by Mr. Milhouse, these minutes were approved.

Revise University of Illinois System Policy on Conflicts of Interest in Research

(1) The executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs recommends approval of revisions to the University of Illinois System Policy on Financial Conflicts of Interest in Research. The policy provides a framework for the University of Illinois System (University) to comply with conflict of commitment and interest policies established by external sponsors of research. It serves as a complement to the University Policy on Outside Activities and Conflicts of Commitment and Interest and University Policy on Organizational Conflict of Interest. The policy title will be updated to University of Illinois System Policy on Financial Conflicts of Interest and Conflict of Commitment in Research.

The revised policy (materials on file with the secretary) applies to covered individuals, including Investigators and any other person responsible for or participating in the design, conduct, or reporting of funded or human subjects research, including senior/key personnel identified in a grant application or progress or final report of research.

The revisions are intended to promote objectivity in research and to mitigate risk to research caused by actual, apparent, or potential conflicts of commitment or financial conflicts of interest. The policy establishes standards and procedures designed to provide a reasonable expectation that the design, conduct, and reporting of research will be free from bias resulting from financial conflicts of interest and provides mechanisms for covered individuals and the University to eliminate, manage, or reduce conflicts that arise.

The revisions are required to comply with updated sponsor requirements, including amendments to the Department of Energy Financial Assistance Regulations, effective August 17, 2026, establishing conflict of interest and conflict of commitment policy requirements for non-federal entities applying for or receiving Department of Energy financial assistance awards.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs.

On motion of Ms. Craig Schilling, seconded by Mr. Milhouse, this recommendation was approved.

Amend Multiyear Contract, Head Coach, Women's Basketball, Urbana

(2) On May 19, 2022, the Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Shauna Lee Green as head varsity coach, women's basketball, Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, Urbana. The initial appointment was for approximately a six-year term, beginning on March 22, 2022, and ending on June 30, 2028. The Board also approved Ms. Green's anticipated compensation for each year of the term, including a description of Ms. Green's base salary and an annual increment for television, radio, public relations, and promotional activities. The Board also approved the ability for Ms. Green to earn additional performance incentive compensation for achieving specific academic and athletic performance goals as determined in advance by the director of the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics. Full standard benefits on the same terms as provided by the university to all professional employees, with contributions and benefit amounts based upon the base salary where relevant, were provided to Ms. Green. On November 14, 2024, the Board of Trustees approved an amendment to Ms. Green's employment agreement, providing increases to her total compensation and extending the term by two additional years, through June 30, 2030. The amended agreement included automatic one-year contract extensions if the women's basketball team reaches the National

Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournament, with the term not extending beyond June 30, 2034. In any contract extension years, Ms. Green's total compensation was scheduled to increase by $25,000. The women's basketball team qualified for the 2025 and 2026 NCAA tournaments, resulting in Ms. Green earning two automatic extensions to her employment agreement since the November 2024 amendment. Ms. Green's contract is now set to expire on June 30, 2032, and the compensation under the current agreement is in accordance with the schedule below:

Current Agreement			
Year	**Base Salary/Additional Compensation**	**Retention Incentive**	**Total Compensation**
Current Contract Year Ending June 30, 2027	$950,000	$200,000	$1,150,000
July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2028	$975,000	$200,000	$1,175,000
July 1, 2028 – June 30, 2029	$1,000,000	$200,000	$1,200,000
July 1, 2029 – June 30, 2030	$1,025,000	$200,000	$1,225,000
July 1, 2030 – June 30, 2031	$1,050,000	$200,000	$1,250,000
July 1, 2031 – June 30, 2032	$1,075,000	$200,000	$1,275,000
July 1, 2032 – June 30, 2033 *(if qualifying extension earned)*	$1,100,000	$200,000	$1,300,000
July 1, 2033 – June 30, 2034 *(if qualifying extension earned)*	$1,125,000	$200,000	$1,325,000

The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, now recommends amending Ms. Green's employment contract by adjusting the total compensation structure and allowing for additional opportunities for automatic contract extensions.

The amendment will include increases to Ms. Green's base and supplemental compensation in each contract year, and it will increase her annual retention incentive to $225,000 in each contract year, based on continuous employment by the university through the end of each contract year. The amendment will also provide two additional opportunities for one-year contract extensions, contingent on the women's basketball team qualifying for four NCAA tournaments during the next six years, with the term not extending beyond June 30, 2036. In any contingent contract extension years, Ms. Green's total compensation shall increase by $50,000. The compensation structure for the proposed amendment and contingent extensions is as follows:

Proposed Amendment			
Year	**Base Salary/Additional Compensation**	**Retention Incentive**	**Total Compensation**
Current Contract Year Ending June 30, 2027	$980,000	$225,000	$1,205,000
July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2028	$1,030,000	$225,000	$1,255,000
July 1, 2028 – June 30, 2029	$1,080,000	$225,000	$1,305,000
July 1, 2029 – June 30, 2030	$1,130,000	$225,000	$1,355,000
July 1, 2030 – June 30, 2031	$1,180,000	$225,000	$1,405,000
July 1, 2031 – June 30, 2032	$1,230,000	$225,000	$1,455,000
July 1, 2032 – June 30, 2033 *(if qualifying extension earned)*	$1,280,000	$225,000	$1,505,000
July 1, 2033 – June 30, 2034 *(if qualifying extension earned)*	$1,330,000	$225,000	$1,555,000
July 1, 2034 – June 30, 2035 *(if qualifying extension earned)*	$1,380,000	$225,000	$1,605,000
July 1, 2035 – June 30, 2036 *(if qualifying extension earned)*	$1,430,000	$225,000	$1,655,000

Ms. Green will also receive a $1,200,000 one-time signing bonus payment, payable upon the Board approving the amended employment agreement. This

commitment reflects the depth of the university's relationship with Ms. Green and the university's confidence in the program's continued upward trajectory under her leadership. Under the terms of the amended employment agreement, Ms. Green will agree to not accept any coaching position with another NCAA or Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) program for the next four years.

Other significant terms and conditions of Ms. Green's original employment agreement will remain in effect or will be appropriately amended to reflect the extension of the term. These include setting forth instances in which she may be terminated for cause, including, but not limited to, failure to perform her responsibilities, conduct that brings the University into disrepute, or violations of laws, policies, or governing rules. The amended employment agreement will also continue to provide for the payment of liquidated damages throughout the term of employment in the event Ms. Green is terminated without cause, subject to mitigation if she obtains other employment following termination.

Funding is provided from non-appropriated institutional funds in the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics operating budget.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs.

On motion of Ms. Craig Schilling, seconded by Mr. Milhouse, this appointment was approved.

Appointments to the Faculty, Administrative/Professional Staff, and Intercollegiate Athletic Staff

(3) According to State statute, no student trustee may vote on those items marked with an asterisk.

In accordance with Article IX, Section 3 of the University of Illinois *Statutes*, the following new appointments to the faculty at the rank of assistant professor and above, and certain administrative positions, are now presented for action by the Board of Trustees.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

Faculty New Hires Urbana

Submitted to the Board of Trustees September 17, 2026

Name	College	Proposed UI Job Title	Appointing Unit	Tenure Status	Job FTE	Service Description	Service Begin Date	Salary	per
Andrienko, Daniil Aleksandrovich	Grainger College of Engineering	Associate Professor	Aerospace Engineering	Initial/Partial Term	1.00	Academic Year	11/02/2026	$130,000.00	year
Andrienko, Daniil Aleksandrovich	Grainger College of Engineering	Associate Professor	Aerospace Engineering	4-Yr Q	1.00	Academic Year	08/16/2027	$130,000.00	year
***Lee, Wooram**	Grainger College of Engineering	Associate Professor	Electrical and Computer Engineering	Indefinite Tenure	1.00	Academic Year	09/18/2026	$165,000.00	year
Shaw, Kenneth	Grainger College of Engineering	Assistant Professor	Mechanical Science and Engineering	Probationary, Yr 1	1.00	Academic Year	10/16/2026	$115,000.00	year
Xie, Yaqi	Grainger College of Engineering	Assistant Professor	Electrical and Computer Engineering	Initial/Partial Term	1.00	Academic Year	11/02/2026	$141,000.00	year
Xie, Yaqi	Grainger College of Engineering	Assistant Professor	Electrical and Computer Engineering	Probationary, Yr 1	1.00	Academic Year	08/16/2027	$141,000.00	year
***Mason, Lisa Marie Reyes**	School of Social Work	Professor	School of Social Work	Indefinite Tenure	0.00	Academic Year	09/18/2026	$0.00	year
***Gerrish, Thomas Edward**	University Library	Associate Professor	University Library	Indefinite Tenure	1.00	12-Month	09/21/2026	$98,000.00	year
Gerrish, Thomas Edward	University Library	Bioengineering and Engineering Medical Innovation Librarian	University Library	Non-Tenured	0.00	12-Month	09/21/2026	$0.00	year
							Total Annual Salary	**$98,000.00**	**year**

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Fang, Qiao	Dentistry	Assistant Professor	Restorative Dentistry	Probationary, Yr 1	1.00	12-Month	09/18/2026	$127,530.38	year
Fang, Qiao	Dentistry	Assistant Professor	Dental Clinics	N/A	0.00	12-Month	09/18/2026	$0.00	year
Frausto, Alejandra	Education	Assistant Professor	Curriculum and Instruction	Probationary, Yr 1	1.00	Academic Year	09/18/2026	$87,000.00	year
Saha, Chinmoy Nath	Engineering	Assistant Professor	Electrical and Computer Engineering	Initial/Partial Term	1.00	Academic Year	01/01/2027	$133,000.00	year
Saha, Chinmoy Nath	Engineering	Assistant Professor	Electrical and Computer Engineering	Probationary, Yr 1	1.00	Academic Year	08/16/2027	$133,000.00	year
Adesogan, Olutosin	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Assistant Professor	Psychology	Initial/Partial Term	1.00	Academic Year	01/01/2027	$120,000.00	year
Adesogan, Olutosin	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Assistant Professor	Psychology	Probationary, Yr 1	1.00	Academic Year	08/16/2027	$120,000.00	year
Michael, Abenet	Medicine	Assistant Professor	Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences	Probationary, Yr 1	0.51	12-Month	09/18/2026	$109,242.00	year
Michael, Abenet	Medicine	Physician Surgeon	Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences	Non-Tenured	0.49	12-Month	09/18/2026	$104,958.00	year
							Total Annual Salary	**$214,200.00**	**year**
Kim, Hyoeun	Urban Planning and Public Affairs	Assistant Professor	Public Policy, Management, and Analytics	Probationary, Yr 1	1.00	Academic Year	09/18/2026	$100,000.00	year

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Faculty New Hires Springfield

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None									

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URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Emeriti

STEVEN G. ANDERSON, professor emeritus, School of Social Work, September 1, 2026
ASEF BAYAT, Catherine and Bruce Bastian Professor Emeritus of Global and Transnational Studies, Department of Sociology, August 16, 2026
JOEL WILLIAM BEESLEY, teaching associate emeritus, University Laboratory High School, June 16, 2026
HOWARD BERENBAUM, professor emeritus of psychology, June 1, 2026
GORDON HUTNER, professor emeritus of English, August 16, 2026
ROBERT E. KANTER, clinical associate professor emeritus, School of Earth, Society, and Environment, June 1, 2025
ROBERT VICTOR KNOX, professor emeritus of animal sciences, August 1, 2026
ALEXANDR V. KOSTOCHKA, professor emeritus of mathematics, June 1, 2026
ANNA-MARIA MARSHALL, associate professor emerita of sociology, August 1, 2026
JOHN M. MURPHY, professor emeritus of communication, August 1, 2026
JOHN M. TOENJES, professor emeritus of dance, July 1, 2026

Out of Cycle Promotion & Tenure

To the rank of Associate Professor on Indefinite Tenure

XIN NING, associate professor of aerospace engineering on indefinite tenure, and associate professor, Materials Research Laboratory, non-tenured, The Grainger College of Engineering, effective September 18, 2026
AIDA TALIC, associate professor of linguistics on indefinite tenure, and associate professor of Slavic languages and literatures, non-tenured, School of Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, effective September 18, 2026

To the rank of Professor on Indefinite Tenure

ADAM MOHAMED OSMAN, professor of economics, without change in tenure, and professor, Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, non-tenured, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, effective September 18, 2026

CHICAGO

Emeriti

SUSAN N. BUCHANAN, clinical associate professor emerita of environmental and occupational health sciences, August 1, 2026
STEPHEN D. CAMPBELL, professor emeritus of restorative dentistry, August 1, 2026
LUISA A. DIPIETRO, professor emerita of periodontics and UIC Distinguished Professor Emerita, College of Dentistry, August 16, 2026
CYNTHIA FRITSCHI, associate professor emerita of biobehavioral nursing science, August 16, 2026
LAURA E. HOSTETLER, professor emerita of history, May 16, 2026
LYNN HUDSON, professor emerita of history, May 16, 2026
CHRISTOPHER G. MITCHELL, associate professor emeritus of social work, May 16, 2026
JANE RHODES, professor emerita of Black studies, August 16, 2026
DANIEL TOUCHETTE, professor emeritus of pharmacy systems, outcomes and policy, September 1, 2026

Administrative Professional Appointments Urbana

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Name	College or Administrative Unit	Proposed UI Job Title	Appointing Unit	Tenure Status	Job FTE	Service Description	Service Begin Date	Salary	per
Friedman, Andrew Lane	Fine and Applied Arts	Head	Theatre	Non-Tenured	0.00	12-Month	09/18/2026	$25,000.00	year
Friedman, Andrew Lane	Fine and Applied Arts	Professor	Theatre	Summer Appointment***	1.00	Salary for Period Stated	TBD	$13,333.33	**
Friedman, Andrew Lane	Fine and Applied Arts	Professor	Theatre	Indefinite Tenure	1.00	Academic Year	09/18/2026	$120,000.00	year
							Total Annual Salary	**$158,333.33**	**year**
Sowers, Richard B.	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Chair	Mathematics	Non-Tenured	0.00	Academic Year	09/18/2026	$12,500.00	year
Sowers, Richard B.	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Professor	Mathematics	Summer Appointment****	1.00	Salary for Period Stated	TBD	$41,695.19	**
Sowers, Richard B.	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Chair	Mathematics	Summer Appointment****	0.00	Salary for Period Stated	TBD	$2,777.78	**
*Sowers, Richard B.	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Professor	Mathematics	Indefinite Tenure	1.00	Academic Year	08/16/2026	$187,628.34	year
Sowers, Richard B.	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Professor	Statistics	Non-Tenured	0.00	Academic Year	08/16/2026	$0.00	year
Sowers, Richard B.	Carle Illinois College of Medicine	Professor	Biomedical and Translational Sciences	Non-Tenured	0.00	Academic Year	08/16/2026	$0.00	year
Sowers, Richard B.	Grainger College of Engineering	Professor	Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering	Non-Tenured	0.00	Academic Year	08/16/2026	$0.00	year
Sowers, Richard B.	Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation	Professor	National Center for Supercomputing Applications	Non-Tenured	0.00	Academic Year	08/16/2026	$0.00	year
							Total Annual Salary	**$244,601.31**	**year**
Anderson, Lisa Jane	Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	Assistant Provost for Digital Education	Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	Non-Tenured	1.00	12-Month	09/18/2026	$142,516.00	year
Anderson, Lisa Jane	Grainger College of Engineering	Clinical Assistant Professor of Innovation, Leadership, and Engineering Entrepreneurship	Technology Entrepreneur Center	Non-Tenured	0.00	12-Month	09/18/2026	$0.00	year
Anderson, Lisa Jane	Grainger College of Engineering	Affiliate	Siebel Center for Design	Non-Tenured	0.00	12-Month	09/18/2026	$0.00	year
							Total Annual Salary	**$142,516.00**	**year**
Kuntz, Kristi A	Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	Senior Executive Associate Provost for Academic Programs and Undergraduate Education	Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	Non-Tenured	1.00	12-Month	09/18/2026	$216,768.00	year
Martensen, Kathryn Ann	Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	Senior Associate Provost for Academic Experiences	Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	Non-Tenured	1.00	12-Month	09/18/2026	$191,184.00	year
McFarlane, Martin	Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	Assistant Provost for International Student and Scholar Services	Illinois International	Non-Tenured	1.00	12-Month	09/18/2026	$145,000.00	year
McLaughlin, Karen Denise	Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	Associate Provost for Faculty Employee Relations	Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	Non-Tenured	1.00	12-Month	09/18/2026	$187,250.00	year
Mette, Jessica A	Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	Senior Assistant Provost for Faculty Appointments and Policy Administration	Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	Non-Tenured	1.00	12-Month	09/18/2026	$145,000.00	year
Provezis, Staci J	Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	Senior Associate Provost for Planning and Assessment	Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	Non-Tenured	1.00	12-Month	09/18/2026	$196,647.00	year

Name	College or Administrative Unit	Proposed UI Job Title	Appointing Unit	Tenure Status	Job FTE	Service Description	Service Begin Date	Salary	per
Provezis, Staci J	Education	Adjunct Assistant Professor	Education Policy, Organization and Leadership	Non-Tenured	0.00	12-Month	09/18/2026	$0.00	year
							Total Annual Salary	**$196,647.00**	**year**
Santos Gilbertz, Rosa Milagros	Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	Senior Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs	Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	Non-Tenured	1.00	12-Month	09/18/2026	$197,473.35	year
Santos Gilbertz, Rosa Milagros	Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	Senior Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs	Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	Non-Tenured	0.00	12-Month	09/18/2026	$61,369.10	year
*Santos Gilbertz, Rosa Milagros	Education	Professor	Special Education	Indefinite Tenure	0.00	Academic Year	09/18/2026	$0.00	year
							Total Annual Salary	**$258,842.45**	**year**

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Manack, Marc Anthony	Architecture, Design and the Arts	Director	School of Architecture	Non-Tenured	0.00	Academic Year	09/18/2026	$10,000.00	year
Manack, Marc Anthony	Architecture, Design and the Arts	Director	School of Architecture	Summer Appointment****	1.00	Salary for Period Stated	TBD	$38,888.89	**
Manack, Marc Anthony	Architecture, Design and the Arts	Professor	School of Architecture	Indefinite Tenure	1.00	Academic Year	09/18/2026	$165,000.00	year
							Total Annual Salary	**$213,888.89**	**year**
Minerick, Adrienne R.	Engineering	Head	Richard and Loan Hill Department of Biomedical Engineering	Non-Tenured	0.00	Academic Year	09/18/2026	$20,000.00	year
Minerick, Adrienne R.	Engineering	Head	Richard and Loan Hill Department of Biomedical Engineering	Summer Appointment****	1.00	Salary for Period Stated	TBD	$54,198.00	**
Minerick, Adrienne R.	Engineering	Professor	Richard and Loan Hill Department of Biomedical Engineering	Indefinite Tenure	0.50	Academic Year	09/18/2026	$112,500.00	year
Minerick, Adrienne R.	Medicine	Professor (RT)	Richard and Loan Hill Department of Biomedical Engineering	Indefinite Tenure	0.50	Academic Year	09/18/2026	$112,500.00	year
							Total Annual Salary	**$299,198.00**	**year**
Williamson, Terrion	Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	Director, Social Justice Initiative	Social Justice Initiative	Non-Tenured	0.50	Academic Year	09/18/2026	$84,057.00	year
Williamson, Terrion	Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	Director, Social Justice Initiative	Social Justice Initiative	Non-Tenured	0.00	Academic Year	09/18/2026	$15,000.00	year
Williamson, Terrion	Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	Director, Social Justice Initiative	Social Justice Initiative	Summer Appointment****	1.00	Salary for Period Stated	TBD	$40,692.00	**
Williamson, Terrion	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Associate Professor	Black Studies	Indefinite Tenure	0.25	Academic Year	09/18/2026	$42,028.50	year
Williamson, Terrion	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Associate Professor	Gender and Women's Studies	Indefinite Tenure	0.25	Academic Year	09/18/2026	$42,028.50	year
							Total Annual Salary	**$223,806.00**	**year**
Bentley, John	Retzky College of Pharmacy	Head	Pharmacy Systems, Outcomes and Policy	Non-Tenured	0.00	Academic Year	01/01/2027	$42,500.00	year
Bentley, John	Retzky College of Pharmacy	Professor	Pharmacy Systems, Outcomes and Policy	Indefinite Tenure	1.00	Academic Year	01/01/2027	$250,000.00	year
							Total Annual Salary	**$292,500.00**	**year**
Orr, Jamar	Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs	Executive Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs	Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs	Non-Tenured	1.00	Twelve-Month	09/21/2026	$220,000.00	year

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Onal, Sevilay	Business and Management	Department Chair	Management, Marketing and Operations	N/A	0.00	12 month	09/05/2026	$15,000.00	year
Onal, Sevilay	Business and Management	Associate Professor	Management, Marketing and Operations	Indefinite Tenure	1.00	12 month	08/16/2026	$145,309.00	year
							Total Annual Salary	**$160,309.00**	**year**

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Administrative Professional Appointments System Offices

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Name	College or Administrative Unit	Proposed UI Job Title	Appointing Unit	Tenure Status	Job FTE	Service Description	Service Begin Date	Salary	per
Mitchem, Kyle E	VP Chief Financial Officer	Director of Information Technology Audits	Audits IT	N/A	1.00	12-Month	09/21/2026	$132,925.00	year

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Intercollegiate Athletics Multi-Year Contracts, Urbana

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Division of Intercollegiate Athletics New Multi-year Contracts

Name	Proposed UI Job Title	Multi-Year Contract Begin Date	Multi-Year Contract End Date	Job FTE	Service Description	Salary	per	Contract Year
None								

Division of Intercollegiate Athletics Multi-year Extensions

Name	Proposed UI Job Title	Multi-Year Contract Begin Date	Multi-Year Contract End Date	Job FTE	Service Description	Salary	per	Contract Year
Anderson, Britney	Assistant Varsity Coach, Women's Basketball	9/18/2026		1.00	Athletics Year-Round	$250,000.00	year	09/18/2026 - 06/30/2027
				1.00	Athletics Year-Round	$260,000.00	year	07/01/2027 - 06/30/2028
			6/30/2029	1.00	Athletics Year-Round	$270,000.00	year	07/01/2028 - 06/30/2029
Beasley, DeAntoine	Assistant Varsity Coach, Women's Basketball	9/18/2026		1.00	Athletics Year-Round	$215,000.00	year	09/18/2026 - 06/30/2027
			6/30/2028	1.00	Athletics Year-Round	$225,000.00	year	07/01/2027 - 06/30/2028
Mcentire, Calamity	Assistant Varsity Coach, Women's Basketball	9/18/2026		1.00	Athletics Year-Round	$340,000.00	year	09/18/2026 - 06/30/2027
				1.00	Athletics Year-Round	$350,000.00	year	07/01/2027 - 06/30/2028
			6/30/2029	1.00	Athletics Year-Round	$360,000.00	year	07/01/2028 - 06/30/2029

ADDENDUM
September 17, 2026
Urbana

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Name	College or Administrative Unit	Proposed UI Job Title	Appointing Unit	Tenure Status	Job FTE	Service Description	Service Begin Date	Salary	per	Previously approved
An, Lin	Gies College of Business	Assistant Professor	Business Administration	Summer Appointment	1.00	Salary for Period Stated	~~08/16/2026 - 08/15/2026~~ **06/27/2026 - 08/15/2026**	~~$44,444.44~~ **$35,353.53**	**	May 2026
An, Lin	Gies College of Business	Assistant Professor	Business Administration	Probationary, Yr 1	1.00	Academic Year	08/16/2026	$200,000.00	year	May 2026

Administrative Professional Appointments Urbana

Name	College or Administrative Unit	Proposed UI Job Title	Appointing Unit	Tenure Status	Job FTE	Service Description	Service Begin Date	Salary	per	Previously approved
Davila, Walter Jerome	Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation	Director	Humanities Research Institute	Non-Tenured	0.00	12-Month	~~07/17/2026~~ **08/16/2026**	$60,000.00	year	July 2026
*Davila, Walter Jerome	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Professor	History	Indefinite Tenure	1.00	Academic Year	7/17/2026	$213,500.00	year	July 2026
Davila, Walter Jerome	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Jeorge Lemann Chair	History	Non-Tenured	0.00	Academic Year	7/17/2026	$0.00	year	July 2026
Davila, Walter Jerome	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Professor	Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Illinois Global Institute	Non-Tenured	0.00	Academic Year	7/17/2026	$0.00	year	July 2026
Davila, Walter Jerome	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Professor	Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies, Illinois Global Institute	Non-Tenured	0.00	Academic Year	7/17/2026	$0.00	year	July 2026
Davila, Walter Jerome	Liberal Arts and Sciences	Professor	Spanish and Portuguese, School of Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics	Non-Tenured	0.00	Academic Year	7/17/2026	$0.00	year	July 2026
Davila, Walter Jerome	University of Illinois System	Presidential Fellow	Vice President for Economic Development and Innovation	Non-Tenured	0.00	12-Month	7/17/2026	$51,510.00	year	July 2026
							Total Annual Salary	**$325,010.00**	**year**	July 2026

2026-2027 Sabbatical Requests Urbana-Champaign

College	School	Unit	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Rank	Period of Leave	Salary	Alternate Period of Leave	Alternate Salary	Concise Statement	Previously approved
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences **/Carle Illinois College of Medicine**	School of Molecular and Cellular Biology	Biochemistry **/Biomed and Translational Sci**	Beth	Marie	Stadtmueller	Associate Professor	First semester (Fall)	full pay	Second semester (Spring)	full pay	To explore the ability of ultrastructural analysis and protein engineering to provide functional insights on antibodies involved in mucosal immunity.	May 2026

ADDENDUM
September 17, 2026
Chicago

Faculty New Hires Chicago

Name	College or Administrative Unit	Proposed UI Job Title	Appointing Unit	Tenure Status	Job FTE	Service Description	Service Begin Date	Salary	per	Previously approved
Romanowicz, Genevieve Elizabeth	Dentistry	Assistant Professor	Oral Biology	Initial/Partial Term	1.00	12-Month	~~01/05/2026~~ **04/16/2026**	$125,000.00	year	Nov 2025
Romanowicz, Genevieve Elizabeth	Dentistry	Assistant Professor	Oral Biology	Probationary, Yr 1	1.00	12-Month	08/16/2026	$125,000.00	year	Nov 2025
Malik, Amina	University Library	Assistant Professor	University Library	Probationary, Yr 1	1.00	12-Month	08/16/2026	~~$71,500.00~~ **$73,000.00**	year	Mar 2026
Malik, Amina	University Library	Digital Publishing Librarian	University Library	Non-Tenured	0.00	12-Month	08/16/2026	$0.00	year	Mar 2026
							Total Annual Salary	~~$71,500.00~~ **$73,000.00**	year	
Wi, Dahee	Nursing	Assistant Professor	Human Development Nursing Science	Probationary, Yr 1	1.00	Academic Year	08/16/2026	~~$101,000.00~~ **$110,000.00**	year	Mar 2026

On motion of Ms. Craig Schilling, seconded by Mr. Milhouse, these appointments were approved.

By consensus, the Board agreed that one roll call vote would be taken and considered the vote on agenda item no. 4 through 17. The recommendations were individually discussed but acted upon at one time.

Approve Academic and Administrative Appointments for Academic Year 2026-2027

(4) The president of the University of Illinois System recommends the academic and administrative appointments at the three universities and the System offices for the Academic Year 2026-2027. The appointments have been completed within the funds made available in the preliminary operating budget for Fiscal Year 2027, approved by the Board of Trustees on May 21, 2026.

Accordingly, the president now seeks approval of the document entitled *Academic Personnel*, *2026-2027* (copy filed with the secretary of the Board for record). Authorization is also requested for the president to (a) accept resignations; (b) to make such additional appointments and to approve the issuance of notices of non-reappointment, as necessary, subject to all relevant policies and statutes; and (c) to make such other personnel adjustments as needed, such adjustments to be reported to the Board of Trustees by its secretary.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

On motion Ms. Blackwell, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved and authority was given as recommended by the following vote: Aye, Ms. Blackwell, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Gutman, Mr. Milhouse, Ms. Phalen, Mr. Ruiz, Ms. Shekoni; Dr. Traubert; No, none; Absent, Dr. McKinney, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Saleh.)

Approve Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2027

(5) In accordance with policies established by the Board of Trustees and consistent with prudent financial management, the vice president/chief financial officer and comptroller and the executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs seek approval of the University of Illinois System's operating budget for the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY2027). The budget is based upon recommendations from the president, chancellors/vice presidents, and provosts following consultations with academic and administrative leaders across the System. This recommendation follows the Board's adoption of a preliminary FY2027 operating budget at its May 2026 meeting.

The FY2027 budget reflects the University's continued commitment to invest in academic excellence and maintain affordability for students. The budget supports funding for academic and mission-driven priorities, including targeted programmatic enhancements. The recommended $9.6 billion budget includes an estimate for fringe benefits incurred by the State on behalf of the System. Compared to FY2026, the FY2027 budget represents an increase of $664.1 million (7.4 percent) when including the estimated State fringe benefits, and an increase of $318.1 million (4.3 percent) when excluding the estimated State fringe benefits. The increase in State appropriations, modest increases in tuition and fees, and revenues from housing, dining, and other student services are the major components of the overall increase when excluding estimated State fringe benefits. Other significant contributors include projected growth in hospital operations, service plans, and revenues from investment income.

The total operating budget comprises four major categories of funds:

i. *General operating funds* supporting the academic enterprise of the University;

ii. *Hospital funds* related to the hospital and clinics that are part of the University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System;

iii. *Restricted funds* encompassing operations of auxiliary units (such as housing, dining, and related services), sponsored research and federal appropriations, operations supported by gift and endowment income, and the medical service plan. The use of these funds is specified by contracts, granting agencies, donors, or legislative guidelines; and

iv. *State fringe benefits* incurred on behalf of the System represent the estimated expenses incurred by the State for the employer's share of the

cost of pension and health insurance benefits for current employees. This does not include health insurance benefits incurred by the State for current retirees, referred to as other post-employment benefits or OPEB.

The total budget is apportioned among the three universities and the System Offices and System-wide programs.

	Chicago	Springfield	Urbana	System Offices & System-wide Programs	Total	Change from FY2026
General Operating Funds	$1,042,379	$65,094	$1,624,685	$408,324	$3,140,482	7.6%
Hospital Funds	$1,496,489				$1,496,489	10.0%
Restricted Funds	$1,370,198	$42,340	$1,545,361	$35,681	$2,993,580	-1.3%
State Fringe Benefits	$1,095,589	$39,812	$771,047	$68,481	$1,974,929	21.2%
Total	$5,004,655	$147,246	$3,941,093	$512,486	$9,605,480	7.4%
Change from FY2026	9.9%	2.3%	3.1%	21.9%	7.4%	

Note: All dollars are in thousands

Attached to this item is the *Budget Summary for Operations FY2027* (BSO) (materials on file with the secretary), which summarizes the System-wide budget, budgets for each university, and detailed college-level budget schedules. The BSO is organized into four schedules:

Schedule A: Details university and System-level revenue by source and budgeted expenditures by function and type.

Schedule B: Provides budgeted expenditures and revenue sources by college-level organization.

Schedule C: Lists budgeted expenditures by college-level organization and function.

Schedule D: Provides department-level detail of State and institutional fund budgeted expenditures.

Schedule A, Schedule B, and Schedule C are university and System-level schedules (one for each university and the System), whereas Schedule D contains college-level schedules.

Subject to the above and the Board's directives regarding the establishment of University of Illinois budgets, authorization is requested for the president to:

1. Accept resignations.
2. Make necessary additional appointments and approve notices of non-reappointment in compliance with University policies and rules for civil service staff.
3. Transfer funds between budget categories, provided the total transfer does not exceed 3 percent of the general fund budget.
4. Make programmatic adjustments to the general fund budget based on institutional priorities within a 3 percent limit, exclusive of routine accounting transactions.
5. Adjust departmental allocations as needed due to State appropriation rescissions or revenue shortfalls.
6. Allocate tuition waivers.
7. Accept revenues exceeding the approved budget and approve the related

expenditures.

8. Transfer funds from the general operating budget to the restricted fund budget as permitted by the State Finance Act, if necessary.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, legislative audit guidelines, terms and conditions for the use of funds, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs.

On motion Ms. Blackwell, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following vote: Aye, Ms. Blackwell, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Gutman, Mr. Milhouse, Ms. Phalen, Mr. Ruiz, Ms. Shekoni, Dr. Traubert; No, none; Absent, Dr. McKinney, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Saleh.)

Approve Project Budget and Award Construction Contract,
Armory Arch Stucco and Curtainwall Replacement, Urbana

(6) In March 2023, the Board of Trustees approved the Armory Arch Stucco and Curtainwall replacement project with a proposed budget of $7.2 million. The project seeks to completely remove the arch stucco and curtainwall at both the east and west ends. The project scope includes new framing, substrate, and stucco, as well as energy-efficient windows in a new curtainwall system. Bids were submitted in January 2026 that

exceeded project budget estimates. Subsequently, the project has been broken into two phases for the east and west ends, respectively.

For the project to proceed, it is necessary to approve the project budget and the construction contract award for the first phase. Accordingly, the chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends that the Board of Trustees approve phase one of the Armory Arch Stucco and Curtainwall Replacement project with a project budget of $10,290,000.

Bids for phase one construction work have been solicited. The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends that the following single-prime contract be awarded. Competitive bidding procedures were conducted in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500), and the award is to the lowest responsible bidder.[4]

Berglund Construction Company	Base Bid	$8,390,000.00
Chicago, Illinois	Alternate 1	$ 135,000.00
	Alternate 2	$ 75,000.00
	Total	$8,600,000.00

The phase one construction contract covers the reconstruction of stucco and curtainwall wall on the west end of the building. No work on the east end of the building

[4] Description of Alternates: Alternate 1: Apply finish coating to entire interior face of stucco of the West Side of the Armory. Alternate 2: Apply full stucco parge coat system with embedded crack membrane to backside of the exterior arch wall.

is included in this award. East end scope of work will be bid at a later date under a separate contract.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

Funds for this project are available from the Academic Facilities Maintenance Fund Assessment Fund and the institutional funds operating budget of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs.

Table 1: Diverse Vendor Participation

Awarded Vendor	**Single-Prime Contract $ / Diverse Subcontractor Certification**	**Diverse Subcontractor Value**	**Subcontractor % of Work**
Berglund Construction Company Chicago, Illinois	$8,600,000.00		
	MBE (AFA)	$826,513	10%
	WBE	$1,753,487	20%
	VOSB	$258,000	3%
		$2,838,000	**33%**

On motion Ms. Blackwell, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following vote: Aye, Ms. Blackwell, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Gutman, Mr. Milhouse, Ms. Phalen, Mr. Ruiz, Ms. Shekoni, Dr. Traubert; No, none; Absent, Dr. McKinney, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Saleh.)

Approve Project and Design for Carl R. Woese Institute for
Genomic Biology Advanced Microscopy & Diagnostics Facility, Urbana

(7) The Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology (IGB), an interdisciplinary research institute at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, proposes to expand its Microscopy Core Facilities to establish a Sub-Cellular Imaging Center with the aim of providing in-person and remote access to advanced instrumentation. By doing so, IGB will address emerging research topics that require super resolution imaging, spatial omics, and volumetric electron microscopy coupled with enhancements in image segmentation using artificial intelligence. The limited remodeling and expansion will serve various campus research groups, including the Cancer Center at Illinois, and several external research collaborators. It also will serve groups underrepresented in science, as the building addition will leverage existing partnerships with 10 Minority-Serving-Institutions (MSIs) to expand microscopy training and remote access to students and research groups within these institutions.

The project involves expansion of the existing IGB facility on the northwest side of the building, adjacent to a primary east-west pedestrian and bicycle corridor, while respecting site considerations related to the Morrow Plots and the University of Illinois Observatory. A Site Selection Waiver was approved on May 15, 2026. The proposed facility will include approximately 4,000 gross square feet of below-grade expansion and a concourse-level connection to the existing building. The space will accommodate vibration-sensitive microscopy laboratories, wet laboratories,

diagnostic laboratories, and associated support spaces, including quiet rooms and utility infrastructure. The design also strengthens campus connectivity by restoring the existing plaza, maintaining circulation pathways, and preserving seating and gathering spaces with full accessibility.

The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign is requesting project approval with a preliminary estimated $8.1 million project budget. Accordingly, the chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends project approval.

Approval of the design is also required for the project to proceed. The design complies with university standards, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and all applicable State and federal requirements.

Accordingly, the chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends design approval.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

Funds for this project are available from federal grant funds and the institutional funds operating budget of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs.

On motion Ms. Blackwell, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following vote: Aye, Ms. Blackwell, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Gutman, Mr. Milhouse, Ms. Phalen, Mr. Ruiz, Ms. Shekoni, Dr. Traubert; No, none; Absent, Dr. McKinney, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Saleh.)

Approve Construction Contract for Swine Research Center Relocation and Modernization, Urbana

(8) In November 2021, the Board of Trustees approved the Swine Research Center Modernization project and budget to improve agricultural housing systems and support research and teaching in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and throughout the university. The Professional Services Consultant contract and project design were approved by the Board in July 2022 and January 2025, respectively.

When all phases are complete, the Swine Research Center Modernization project will offer technology-enabled facilities that can be a hub for precision animal management research and teaching. In addition, the project will include a surgical suite and multipurpose procedure rooms allowing students to train and experience hands-on teaching activities.

During the design process, it became clear that preliminary cost estimates would not be sufficient to provide the originally planned relocation of all ISRL

operations, nor the modular research pods for housing gene-edited and biomedical pigs. As a result, the project will be phased such that phase one covers the renovation of three crucial processing buildings at the Swine Research Facility and all three Alternates. Future phases will relocate Imported Swine Research Laboratory (ISRL) operations and add a surgical suite, multipurpose procedure rooms, and modular research pods for housing gene-edited and biomedical pigs. Future phases will be bid later under a separate contract when funding becomes available.

For the first phase of the project to proceed, it is necessary to approve the construction contract award for phase one. Bids for construction work have been solicited. The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends that the following single-prime contract be awarded. Competitive bidding procedures were conducted in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500), and the award is to the lowest responsible bidder.[5]

The Bowa Group Inc.	Base Bid	$11,475,931
Chicago, Illinois	Alternate 1	$ 300,000
	Alternate 2	$ 390,250
	Alternate 3	$ 542,700
	Total	$12,708,881

[5] Description of Alternates: Alternate 1: installation of underground electrical infrastructure serving the farrowing and sow feeding buildings. Alternate 2: installation of a backup generator system providing emergency power to critical building systems. Alternate 3: improvements to the existing tool shed building and associated site work. This work provides operational support space and serves as a transition into future phases of modernization at the facility.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

Funds for this contract are available from State of Illinois grant funds and the institutional funds operating budget of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs.

Table 1: Diverse Vendor Participation

Awarded Vendor	**Single-Prime Contract $ / Diverse Subcontractor Certification**	**Diverse Subcontractor Value**	**Subcontractor % of Work**
The Bowa Group Inc., Chicago, Illinois	$12,708,881.08		
	WBE (CA)	$11,200.00	0.09%
	MBE (AFA)	$2,093,526.65	16.47%
	MBE (HA)	$138,000.00	1.09.%
	VOSB	$781,261.00	6.15%
		$3,023,987.65	**23.80%**

On motion Ms. Blackwell, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following vote: Aye, Ms. Blackwell, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Gutman, Mr. Milhouse, Ms. Phalen, Mr. Ruiz, Ms. Shekoni, Dr. Traubert; No, none; Absent, Dr. McKinney, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Saleh.)

Approve Design for Demirjian Indoor Golf Facility Expansion and Renovation, Urbana

(9) The Division of Intercollegiate Athletics at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign proposes to expand the Demirjian Indoor Golf Facility with an approximate 4,553-square-foot addition on the north side of the building. The addition will include new men's and women's locker rooms and recovery spaces for student-athletes, as well as offices and administrative spaces for coaches and staff. Some existing space will be reconfigured to relocate golf club storage area adjacent to practice areas.

Approval of the design is required for the project to proceed. The design complies with university standards, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and all applicable State and federal requirements.

Accordingly, the chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends design approval.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

Funds for this project are available from gift funds.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs.

On motion Ms. Blackwell, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following vote: Aye, Ms. Blackwell, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig

Schilling, Mr. Gutman, Mr. Milhouse, Ms. Phalen, Mr. Ruiz, Ms. Shekoni, Dr. Traubert; No, none; Absent, Dr. McKinney, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Saleh.)

Approve Change to Construction Contract for
Japan House Addition - Ogura-Sato Annex, Urbana

(10) In July 2019, the Board approved the naming for the Ogura-Sato Annex Addition at Japan House, a unique Japanese arts and cultural teaching facility that offers both instruction and community events. This project includes selective demolition and minor renovation of the existing historically eligible Japan House to accommodate a new addition while maintaining ongoing operations. The project adds a single-story annex of approximately 6,250 square feet (4,805 gross square feet at grade) with new teaching facilities, as well as a new tearoom, multipurpose room, and support spaces. The addition enhances the mission of Japan House to bring about cultural understanding, offer exposure to new perspectives and, ultimately, give a necessary refuge for all to embrace tranquility in an immersive experiential environment.

In early 2025, bids for construction work were accepted. The executed construction contract did not broach Board approval levels. Since, change orders have increased the total executed contract value above $5.0 million.

For the project to proceed, the chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends approval of the following change to the

construction contract. Competitive bidding procedures in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500) were followed. The original construction contract was awarded to the lowest bidder on the basis of its base bid plus the acceptance of indicated alternates.[6]

CAD Construction Inc. Tremont, Illinois	Base Bid	$4,898,000
	Alternates 1 – 5B *(Not Accepted)*	$ -
	Alternate 6 (Accepted)	$(29,150)
	Alternate 7 (Accepted)	$ 94,350.00
	Change Orders	$207,156.54
	Total	$5,170,356.54

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

Funds for this project are available from gift funds and institutional funds operating budget.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs.

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[1] Description of Alternates: Alternate 1: Structural engineered bamboo framing; Alternate 2: Engineered wood siding and trim, glass, and a structural engineered bamboo window system; Alternate 3: Abandon utilities at the tree drip line; Alternate 4: Structural insulated panel roof in lieu of stick framing; Alternate 5A: Structural insulated panel roof with cementitious wood-fiber acoustical panels; Alternate 5B: Structural insulated panel roof with a painted interior face; Alternate 6: Remove bird-safe from glazing and provide low-e insulated glass for all exterior glazing; Alternate 7: Provide all rough ins, feeds, and bollards to install 18 bollards along the walkway from the parking to the main entrance.

Table 1: Diverse Vendor Participation

Awarded Vendor	Single Prime Contract $ / Diverse Subcontractor Certification	Diverse Subcontractor Value	Subcontractor % of Work
CAD Construction Inc., Tremont, Illinois	$5,170,357		
	VOSB	$190,000	4%
	WBE	$2,971,175	57%
		$3,161,175	**61%**

On motion Ms. Blackwell, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following vote: Aye, Ms. Blackwell, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Gutman, Mr. Milhouse, Ms. Phalen, Mr. Ruiz, Ms. Shekoni, Dr. Traubert; No, none; Absent, Dr. McKinney, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Saleh.)

Approve Project Budget for Drug Discovery and Cancer Research Pavilion, Chicago
(Capital Development Board Project)

(11) The Drug Discovery and Cancer Research Pavilion (DDCRP) will be a new 188,055-gross-square-foot building connected by a two-story bridge to the College of Pharmacy Building. It will include wet labs, offices, a vivarium, and support spaces for the Herbert M. and Carol H. Retzky College of Pharmacy, UI Cancer Center, and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences' Department of Chemistry. The project will be bound by West Polk Street to the north, the College of Pharmacy Building and Administrative

Office Building to the west, the University of Illinois Hospital to the south, and the Chicago Transit Authority Pink Line to the east. The On the Mall dining facility along Polk Street will be demolished to make way for the new DDCRP and Plaza.

In September 2025, the Capital Development Board (CDB) engaged with Holabird and Root to produce bridging documents that establish the requirements for the project. These were completed in March 2026. In April 2026, the CDB issued a Request for Proposal for design-build firms and is currently in the design-build firm procurement phase.

For the project to proceed, the chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends the DDCRP project be approved with a preliminary estimated budget of $232.0 million.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

Funds for this project are available from State of Illinois capital appropriations, the institutional funds operating budget of the University of Illinois Chicago, and gift funds.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs.

On motion Ms. Blackwell, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following vote: Aye, Ms. Blackwell, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Gutman, Mr. Milhouse, Ms. Phalen, Mr. Ruiz, Ms. Shekoni, Dr. Traubert; No, none; Absent, Dr. McKinney, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Saleh.)

Approve Project Budget for Replace West Side Backup Generators, Chicago

(12) The project consists of replacing four generators and associated mechanical systems that provide emergency power to the University of Illinois Hospital and adjacent buildings on the University of Illinois Chicago's West Campus in the event of a power outage. The generators, originally installed in 1978, 1988, and 2003, have reached the end of their useful lifespans. The project will demolish the old generators, upgrade mechanical systems, and make structural modifications to the Central Refrigeration Plant building, located at 1717 West Taylor Street, Chicago, which houses the generators. The project will be phased so systems remain functional and operational.

In May 2024, the Board of Trustees approved the award of a Professional Services Consultant contract to PRVN Consultants, Inc, Rock Island, IL for design services through the Warranty phase. In January 2025, the Board of Trustees approved the award of a Construction Manager contract to Berglund Construction Company, IL for services through the Warranty phase.

Additional funding is now needed to perform interior demolition to finish the project design. To continue the project, it is necessary to increase the project budget by $4,886,856 for a total interim budget of $8,779,900. The total project budget is estimated to be approximately $57.0 million and will be presented to the Board following completion of the design and prior to the project bidding phase.

Accordingly, for the project to proceed, the chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate administrative officers, recommends that the budget for the West Side Back-up Generators project be increased by $4,886,856 for a total preliminary budget of $8,779,900.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

Funds for this project are available from the operating budget of the University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System and from the institutional funds operating budget of the University of Illinois Chicago.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs.

On motion Ms. Blackwell, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following vote: Aye, Ms. Blackwell, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig

Schilling, Mr. Gutman, Mr. Milhouse, Ms. Phalen, Mr. Ruiz, Ms. Shekoni, Dr. Traubert; No, none; Absent, Dr. McKinney, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Saleh.)

Approve Removal of Sunflower Court Student Apartments from the Auxiliary Facilities System, Springfield

(13) The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois (the Board) has periodically issued Auxiliary Facilities System Revenue Bonds to facilitate the renovation and construction of auxiliary facilities at Urbana, Chicago, and Springfield. Sunflower Court Student Apartments at the University of Illinois Springfield (UIS) is included in the Auxiliary Facilities System (AFS or System), has no debt associated with it, and is not currently in revenue-producing service.

The facilities comprising Sunflower Court are no longer economically viable and are expected to be demolished in fall 2026.

Pursuant to Section 14(b)(ii) of the AFS Bond Resolution, the Board is authorized to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of any facilities of the System if prior to the sale, lease, or other disposition the Board determines that such facility has, or within the next succeeding 24 calendar months is reasonably expected to, become inadequate, obsolete, worn out, unsuitable, unprofitable, undesirable or unnecessary, and the sale, lease, or other disposition thereof will not impair the structural soundness, efficiency, or economic value of the remaining facilities of the AFS.

The authorization provided by the Board pursuant to this resolution will permit the University to proceed with the demolition of Sunflower Court and its removal from the AFS.

Accordingly, to proceed with the removal of Sunflower Court from AFS and the demolition and disposal of the facilities comprising Sunflower Court, the vice president/chief financial officer and comptroller recommends that the Board approve the following actions:

1. Determine that the facilities comprising Sunflower Court at UIS have become, or within the next succeeding 24 calendar months are reasonably expected to become, inadequate, obsolete, worn out, unsuitable, unprofitable, undesirable, or unnecessary, and are no longer economically viable and are not currently in revenue-producing service.

2. Determine that the demolition and removal of Sunflower Court from AFS will not impair the structural soundness, efficiency, or economic value of the remaining facilities of the AFS.

3. Approve the removal and disposal of Sunflower Court from AFS and authorize demolition of the facilities comprising Sunflower Court, currently expected to occur in fall 2026.

4. Authorize the comptroller and other authorized officers of the Board to do and perform such other acts and things and to make, execute, and deliver all such instruments and documents on behalf of the Board as may be deemed necessary or appropriate in connection with the removal, demolition, and disposal of Sunflower Court from AFS and the determinations made herein.

5. Ratify and confirm all actions taken or to be taken by the officers and members of the Board in connection with the demolition and disposal of the facilities comprising Sunflower Court and removal from AFS.

The Board action recommended in this item approves the removal of Sunflower Court Student Apartments (Sunflower Court) at UIS from the AFS. It also provides the Board determinations and authorizations necessary under the resolution providing for the issuance of revenue bonds and the creation of the AFS, as such resolution has been subsequently amended by the Board (collectively, the AFS Bond Resolution), for the planned removal and demolition of the facilities comprising Sunflower Court.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs.

On motion Ms. Blackwell, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following vote: Aye, Ms. Blackwell, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Gutman, Mr. Milhouse, Ms. Phalen, Mr. Ruiz, Ms. Shekoni, Dr. Traubert; No, none; Absent, Dr. McKinney, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Saleh.)

Approve Master Plan Variance for Building Demolition, Sunflower Court Apartments, Springfield

(14) In March 2020, the Board of Trustees approved an update to the Master Plan at the University of Illinois Springfield. This comprehensive plan update serves as a

guide to help establish priorities for campus renewal and future development. The plan references existing facilities, recently built sites, and future facilities; and identifies remedies for an aging university infrastructure to support existing and future development. The plan also incorporates space programming, maximization of existing space utilization, and future land use for the 740-acre campus.

Since the issuance of the Master Plan update, the university has identified three buildings that have deteriorated to the point of requiring demolition. The Sunflower Court Apartments are located on the perimeter of the campus and surrounded by university-owned farmland. These buildings are neither listed on, nor eligible for, the National Register of Historic Places. The apartments were originally constructed in 1980 and have deteriorated to the point that it is not cost effective to renovate or repair the structures. Long-term water damage has caused the apartments to be expensive to maintain and operate, with one of the buildings that can no longer be used for student housing because of its condition. In all instances, the university will engage a licensed demolition contractor to remove the buildings in full compliance with applicable local, State, and federal environmental regulations.

Accordingly, the chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois System, with the concurrence of the appropriate university officers, recommends the approval of a variance to the Master Plan for demolition of the structures described herein.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs.

On motion Ms. Blackwell, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following vote: Aye, Ms. Blackwell, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Gutman, Mr. Milhouse, Ms. Phalen, Mr. Ruiz, Ms. Shekoni, Dr. Traubert; No, none; Absent, Dr. McKinney, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Saleh.)

Purchase Recommendations

(15) Following are purchase contracts proposed by each university and the System Office (on file with the secretary). The purchases are to be funded from State appropriations or institutional funds as appropriate. Unless otherwise specified or indicated, purchases are based on the lowest acceptable bid. The vice president/chief financial officer and comptroller has approved all purchases to be funded from State appropriations in accordance with the *Bylaws of the Board of Trustees* and *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure.*

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The*

General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure, the *Bylaws of the Board of Trustees*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs.

The total amount of these purchases was:

From Institutional Funds

Purchases $17,000,000.00
Change Orders……..$4,000,000.00

A complete list of the purchases, renewals, and change orders with supporting information (including the quotations received) was sent to each member of the Board in advance of the meeting.

On motion Ms. Blackwell, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, the purchases recommended were authorized by the following vote: Aye, Ms. Blackwell, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Gutman, Mr. Milhouse, Ms. Phalen, Mr. Ruiz, Ms. Shekoni; Dr. Traubert; No, none; Absent, Dr. McKinney, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Saleh.)

Authorize Settlement

(16) The University counsel recommends that the Board approve settlement of *Saucedo v. Lighter, MD,* in the amount of $3.50 million. The plaintiff alleges that the defendant's failure to timely diagnose and treat a bowel perforation ultimately resulted in the death of 57-year-old Sofia Saucedo.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The vice president/chief financial officer and comptroller concurs.

The president of the University of Illinois System recommends approval.

On motion Ms. Blackwell, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following vote: Aye, Ms. Blackwell, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Gutman, Mr. Milhouse, Ms. Phalen, Mr. Ruiz, Ms. Shekoni, Dr. Traubert; No, none; Absent, Dr. McKinney, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Saleh.)

Authorize Settlement

(17) The University counsel recommends that the Board approve settlement of *Estate of Davis v. Kushner, MD,* in the amount of $4.75 million. The plaintiff alleges that the defendant's failure to timely diagnose lung cancer ultimately resulted in the death of 70-year-old Marilyn Davis.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The vice president/chief financial officer and comptroller concurs.

The president of the University of Illinois System recommends approval.

On motion Ms. Blackwell, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following vote: Aye, Ms. Blackwell, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Gutman, Mr. Milhouse, Ms. Phalen, Mr. Ruiz, Ms. Shekoni, Dr. Traubert; No, none; Absent, Dr. McKinney, Governor Pritzker.

(The student advisory vote was: Aye, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Saleh.)

Business Enterprise Program Report

(18) Attached is a report that responds to the Board of Trustees' request for periodic information on Business Enterprise Program expenditures. The report lists expenditures by Business Enterprise Program vendors for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. A copy has been filed with the secretary of the Board.

This report was received for record.

Capital Change Order Report

(19) On May 21, 2026, the Board of Trustees delegated the authority to the comptroller to approve change orders to University contracts and purchase agreements. Contract changes that cumulatively exceed 5 percent of construction or professional services consultant contracts valued at or above $1 million will be reported to the Board at its next scheduled meeting.

The intent of this report is to provide the Board of Trustees a review of those contract changes germane to the above criteria for capital projects. A copy has been filed with the secretary of the Board.

This report was received for record.

Demographic Report for Active Employees with Active Position and FTE Greater than 0%

(20) System Human Resource Services presented this report through September 2026. A copy has been filed with the secretary of the Board.

This report was received for record.

Derivatives Use Report

(21) This report was submitted by the comptroller (and vice president/chief financial officer). A copy has been filed with the secretary of the Board.

This report was received for record.

Executive Committee Report

(22) The following actions have been taken by the Executive Committee since the last meeting of the Board. These actions are now reported to the Board as a whole.

August 17, 2026, meeting of the Executive Committee

Approve Revisions to the University of Illinois System Residency Status Policy

(1) The University of Illinois System Residency Status Policy (the Policy) sets forth criteria for students to possess in-state residency status for the purposes of admission and tuition assessment. The Policy has undergone periodic review, and the most recent reviews took place in 1997, 2021, and 2025. The 2025 Policy revisions included adding explicit reference to 110 ILCS 305/7e-5 relating to the establishment of resident status for the purposes of calculating tuition based on high school attendance.

A July 2026 judicial ruling in federal district court struck those portions of 110 ILCS 305/7e-5 established under Public Act 103-0876 and reflected in the 2025 update to the Policy. This occurrence necessitates an additional update to the Policy.

Public Act 104-0511 was passed by the Illinois General Assembly and signed by Governor J. B. Pritzker following the spring 2026 legislative session to modify 110 ILCS 305/7e-5 and expand eligibility for in-state residency status for purposes of in-state tuition. Public Act 104-0511 will become effective for the 2027-2028 academic year. This proposed amendment to paragraph (2) of the Policy (materials on file with the secretary) will adopt immediately the statutory language contained in Public Act 104-0511 and expand access to in-state residency status eligibility for the current academic year.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The*

General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs recommends the approval of these revisions.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs with this recommendation.

On motion of Ms. Craig Schilling, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved by the following vote: Aye, Mr. Cepeda, Ms. Craig Schilling, Mr. Ruiz; No, none.

Office of University Audits Annual Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2026

(23) The executive director of University audits presented this report as of June 30, 2026. A copy has been filed with the secretary of the Board.

This report was received for record.

Office of Investments Annual Report

(24) The Office of Investments presented this report as of June 30, 2026. A copy has been filed with the secretary of the Board.

This report was received for record.

Performance Metrics

(25) The University Office for Planning and Budgeting submitted the performance metric reports for the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, the University of Illinois Chicago, and the University of Illinois Springfield. Copies have been filed with the secretary of the Board.

These reports were received for record.

Prairieland Energy Inc. Fuel Commitment Summary Report

(26) This report was presented by System Utilities, Prairieland Energy, Inc. A copy has been filed with the secretary of the Board.

This report was received for record.

Second Quarter 2026 Investment Update

(27) The comptroller presented this report as of June 30, 2026. A copy has been filed with the secretary of the Board.

This report was received for record.

Secretary’s Report

(28) The secretary presented for record changes to academic appointments for contract year 2026-27, new hires, resignations, notices of nonreappointment, and retirees rehired. A copy has been filed with the secretary of the Board.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Killeen thanked Dr. Isbell and the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign for hosting the meeting and highlighted Board approval of the Drug Discovery and Cancer Research Pavilion project at the University of Illinois Chicago. He also recognized the University's record enrollment achievements and asked Dr. Jones to comment.

Dr. Jones reported that enrollment across the University System reached a record 102,267 students, including the largest freshman class in University history. He said enrollment records were achieved at both Urbana-Champaign, with enrollment totaling 61,060 students, and Chicago, with enrollment totaling 37,199 students. Dr. Jones said enrollment at Springfield declined due to international student challenges, noting that international student enrollment is a widespread challenge. Mr. Ruiz acknowledged that those challenges are largely beyond the University's control and inquired about efforts to mitigate those challenges. Dr. Jones credited the admissions teams for adapting and adjusting and said that undergraduate enrollment helped offset those declines.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no business presented under this aegis.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no business presented under this aegis.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Ruiz announced that the Board is scheduled to meet in Chicago on November 12, 2026, and January 21, 2027.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

At 1:23 p.m., Chair Ruiz requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. On motion of Mr. Cepeda, seconded by Ms. Blackwell, the meeting adjourned. There were no "nay" votes.

JEFFREY A. STEIN
Secretary

JESSE H. RUIZ
Chair